

*Federal Executive Board  
Hispanic Employees Council  
Minutes for 6/8/05  
Guadalupe Center  
Kansas City, MO*

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*Attendees:*

Laura Reyes (FMS)  
Katherine Coates (ED)  
Maria Smith (DHHS/OCR)  
Trini Quiroz (USPS)  
Julia Cacho (EPA)  
Jessie Cunningham (IRS)  
Delia Villarreal-English (VAMC - KS)  
Ricardo Arriaga (DHS/CIS)  
Teresa Jones (USDA/FSA)  
Hope Ortiz (DHS/ICE/ORO)

*Excused Absence:*

Connie Deese (GSA)  
Ed Kolodziej (COE)  
Dohn Farley (DAFS)  
Tina Jones (MCSA/USMC)  
Danette McClellan (USDA)  
Cheryle P. Jordan (DOC/NOAA)  
Patricia Gunderson (DHS/NRC)

**GUEST:**

Cindy Hillman (FEB)  
Bob Medina, Guadalupe Center, Inc.  
Margo Ramirez, Guadalupe Center, Inc.  
Linnette Caballero (USDA/FAS – Student)

- 1) Laura Reyes, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 1:35 P.M. She called the meeting to order and introduced Margo Ramirez and Bob Medina. Margo is the Director of Hospitality and Bob is the coordinator of the kitchen. All present were given a tour of the Center and a menu from which to select for possible function. Margo suggested they could wave the rental fee, in order to get us to have our function there. Cindy does not think that we should accept that, since the Center is basically not for profit organization. After the tour and a few questions Margo and Bob excused themselves and left the room. All present decided to accept Margo's proposal to have our Lunch & Learn here at the Guadalupe, Laura will talk to Margo after the meeting to let her know we are considering holding our function there and request she prepare a price listing for the activity.

Suggested cost is in the 20 to 25 dollar per participant range. No late sign-up, as it happened the last time. Laura read the information Will Morales submitted for the Westport Beach Club, Cindy stated she did not believe it would be appropriate, to hold a function at a "bar", even though there would not be any liquor served, and the appearance of impropriety would be there.

**SPEAKERS:** Laura, Ric and Maria will contact a few suggested individuals to see if we can get them for our Lunch and Learn..

Cindy stated we should finalize plans by July in-order to get this project going.

- 2) Approval of the May Minutes – Ric Arriaga, made a motion to approve the minutes, Hope Ortiz second the motion, motion carried.

- 3) Joint Quarterly Council Meeting – June 3, 2005 hosted by Federal Women's Program and The Black Employment Council. Laura shared information about the meeting. If any one has children books to donate the FWP is looking for help in this endeavor. Cindy stated we had a good turn out and evaluations were all good. Laura will keep us informed as to the next Joint Meeting.
- 4) Vote on New Council Name – Laura explained the proposed council name change. Discussion followed – Julie made a motion to change the name of the council to Hispanic Federal Employees Council – Ric second - Laura called for a vote – eight in favor – one oppose – name is officially changed to HISPANIC FEDERAL EMPLOYEES COUNCIL
- 5) Vote on New Council By-laws – Short discussion – unanimous vote to accept the new By-Laws.
- 6) HEPM Brochure – Ric Arriaga, will put all the necessary changes together and have a finished brochure for the next meeting.
- 7) New Business –
  - Mid-year School Supplies Project – Cindy suggested we ask participants to the Lunch & Learn to bring supplies. Laura is still trying to get information on this program.
- 8) Round Robin –

Trini handed out information about USPS open exams

3:30 pm meeting adjourned

**Next Meeting: JULY 13, 2005 - 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Ruiz Library, KCMO**